

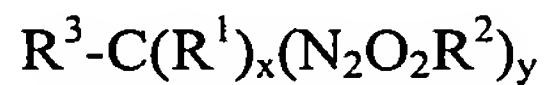
Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-2. (Cancelled)

3. **(Currently Amended):** A composition comprising a carbon-bound diazeniumdiolate attached to at least one phenyl-containing polymer, and having the formula:



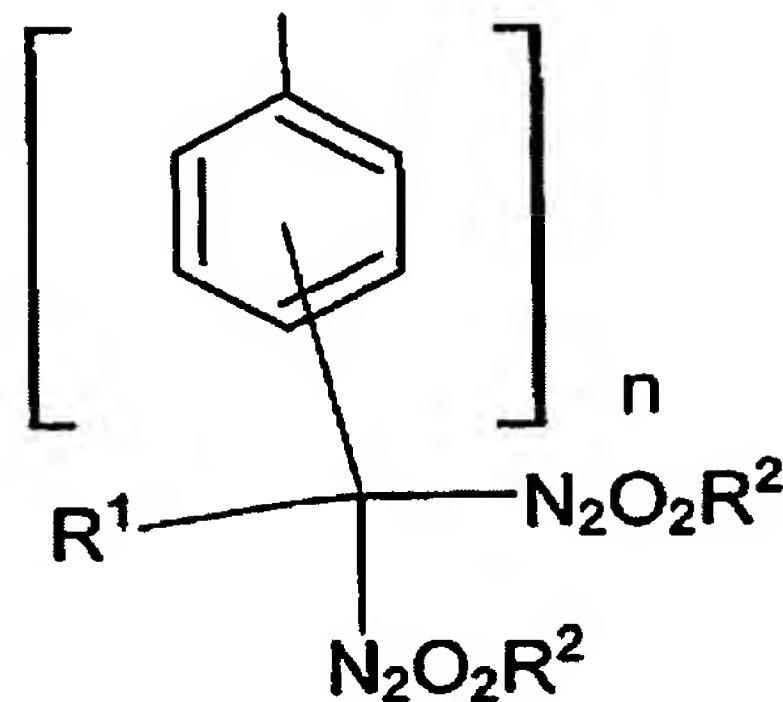
wherein x is an integer from 0 to 2 and y is an integer from 1 to 3, and the sum of x plus y equals 3;

wherein R^1 is selected from the group consisting of an electron withdrawing group, a cyano group, an ether, a thioether, and a non-enamine amine;

wherein R^2 is selected from the group consisting of a countercation and a protecting group on a terminal oxygen; and

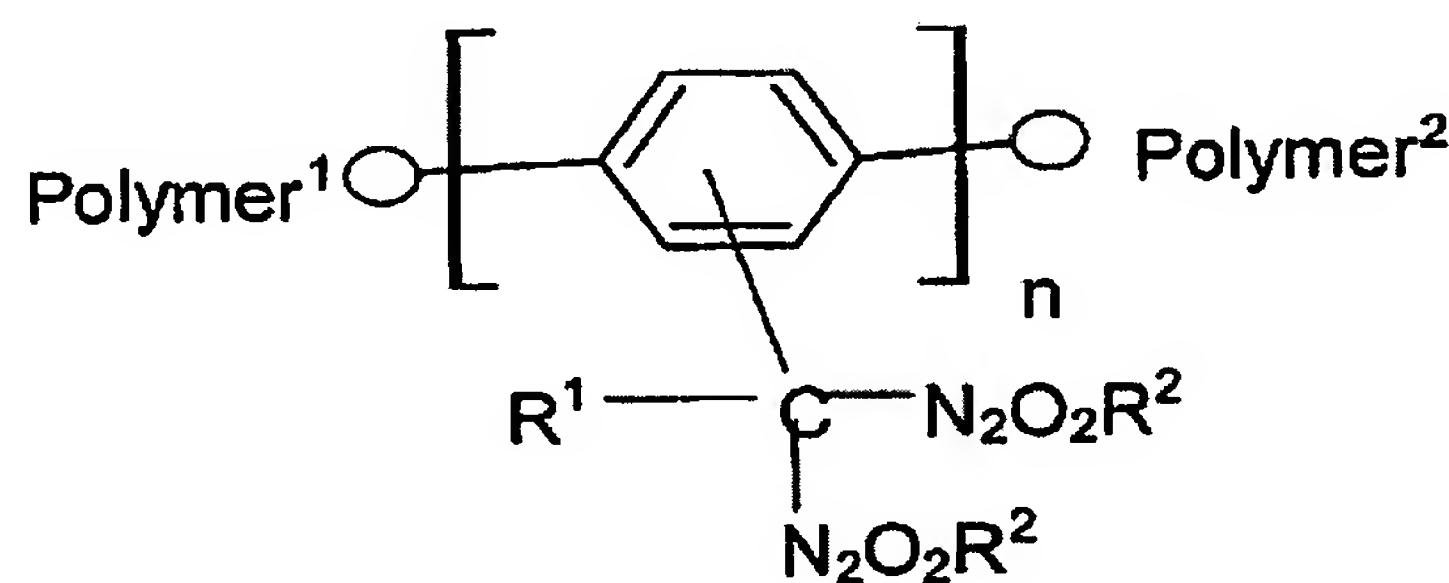
wherein R^3 is a phenyl of said phenyl-containing polymer, and said phenyl is either pendant from the backbone of said polymer or part of the backbone of said polymer.

4. **(Previously Presented):** A composition comprising a carbon-bound diazeniumdiolate attached to at least one phenyl-containing polymer that comprises a polymer backbone, wherein the phenyl of said phenyl-containing polymer is pendant from the backbone of said polymer, and wherein said composition has the following general formula:



wherein R^1 not an imide or thioimide; and
wherein R^2 is selected from the group consisting of a countercation and a protecting group on the terminal oxygen.

5. (Withdrawn): A composition comprising a carbon-bound diazeniumdiolate attached to at least one phenyl-containing polymer that comprises a polymer backbone, wherein the phenyl of said phenyl-containing polymer is part of said polymer backbone, and wherein said composition has the following general formula:



wherein R^1 not an imide or thioimide;
wherein R^2 is selected from the group consisting of a countercation and a protecting group on the terminal oxygen ; and
wherein Polymer^1 and Polymer^2 can be the same or different.

6. (Cancelled):

7. **(Currently Amended):** The composition of claim [[53]] 3, wherein said phenyl is pendant from the backbone of said polymer.

8. **(Withdrawn):** The composition of claim 4, wherein the phenyl is a substituted phenyl.

9. **(Withdrawn):** The composition of claim 8, wherein the phenyl is substituted with one or more moieties selected from the group consisting of aliphatic, aromatic, and non-aromatic cyclic groups.

10. **(Withdrawn):** The composition of claim 8, wherein the phenyl is substituted with one or more moieties selected from the group consisting of mono- or di-substituted amino, unsubstituted amino, ammonium, alkoxy, acetoxy, aryloxy, acetamide, aldehyde, benzyl, cyano, nitro, thio, sulfonic, vinyl, carboxyl, nitroso, trihalosilane, trialkylsilane, trialkylsiloxane, trialkoxysilane, diazeniumdiolate, hydroxyl, halogen, trihalomethyl, ketone, benzyl, and alkylthio.

11. **(Withdrawn):** The composition of claim 4, wherein the phenyl is incorporated in a multi-ring system.

12. **(Withdrawn):** The composition of claim 11, wherein the multi-ring system is selected from the group consisting of acridine, anthracene, benzazapine, benzodioxepin, benzothiadiazapine, carbazole, cinnoline, fluorescein, isoquinoline, naphthalene, phenanthrene, phenanthradine, phenazine, phthalazine, quinoline, and quinoxaline.

13. **(Cancelled):**

14. **(Withdrawn and Currently Amended):** The composition of claim [[13]] 3, wherein the ether is selected from the group consisting of -OCH₃, -OC₂H₅, and -OSi(CH₃)₃.

15. **(Withdrawn and Currently Amended):** The composition of claim [[13]] 3, wherein the thioether is selected from the group consisting of -SC₂H₅, a substituted-SPh, and an unsubstituted -SPh.

16. **(Withdrawn and Currently Amended):** The composition of claim [[13]] 3, wherein the amine is a tertiary amine.

17. **(Withdrawn and Currently Amended):** The composition of claim [[13]] 3, wherein the amine is -N(C₂H₅)₂.

18. **(Previously Presented):** The composition of claim 3, wherein R² is a countercation selected from the group consisting of alkali metals, group IIa metals, transition metals, and group Ib elements.

19. **(Withdrawn):** The composition of claim 3, wherein R² is a countercation selected from the group consisting of ammonium and other quaternary amines.

20. **(Withdrawn):** The composition of claim 3, wherein R² is a protecting group selected from the group consisting of aryl, sulfonyl, glycosyl, acyl, alkyl and olefinic groups.

21. **(Withdrawn):** The composition of claim 20, wherein said aryl group is 2,4-dinitrophenyl.

22. **(Withdrawn):** The composition of claim 20, wherein said alkyl group is selected from the group consisting of saturated alkyl, unsaturated alkyl, and functionalized alkyl.

23. **(Withdrawn):** The composition of claim 22, wherein said functionalized alkyl is selected from the group consisting of 2-bromoethyl, 2-hydroxypropyl, 2-hydroxyethyl and S-acetyl-2-mercaptopoethyl.

24. **(Withdrawn):** The composition of claim 20, wherein said alkyl group is a vinyl group.

25. **(Withdrawn and Currently Amended):** The composition of claim [[53]] 3, wherein said polymer is selected from the group consisting of ~~polyalkylates, polyarylates, polyamides, polyesters, polycarbonates, polyetherimides, polyimides, polyketones, styrene resins, and copolymers and combinations thereof.~~

26. (Withdrawn): The composition of claim 25, wherein said styrene resin is selected from the group consisting of acrylonitrile butadiene styrene terpolymer, acrylonitrile- chlorinated polyethylene-styrene terpolymer, acrylic styrene acrylonitrile terpolymer, styrene acrylonitrile copolymers, olefin modified styrene acrylonitrile copolymers, and styrene butadiene copolymers.

27. (Withdrawn and Currently Amended): The composition of claim 25, wherein said polyamide polymer is selected from the group consisting of ~~polyacrylamide~~, poly [4,4'-methylenebis (phenyl isocyanate) -alt-1,4-butanediol/di (propylene glycol)/polycaprolactone], poly [4,4'-methylenebis (phenyl isocyanate)-alt-1, 4-butanediol/poly (butylene adipate)], poly [4,4'-methylenebis (phenyl isocyanate)-alt-1, 4- butanediol/poly (ethylene glycol-co-propylene glycol)/polycaprolactone], poly [4,4'-methylenebis (phenyl isocyanate)-alt-1, 4- butanediol/polytetrahydrofuran], terephthalic acid and isophthalic acid derivatives of aromatic polyamides, poly (imin-1, 4-phenyleneiminocarbonyl- 1,4-phenylene carbonyl), poly (m-phenylene isophthalamide), poly (p- benzamide), poly (trimethylhexamethylene terephthalatamide), poly-m- xylylene adipamide, poly (meta-phenylene isophthalamide), and copolymers and combinations thereof.

28. (Currently Amended): The composition of claim [[53]] 3, wherein said polymer is selected from the group consisting of polystyrene, poly (α -methylstyrene), poly (4-methylstyrene), polyvinyltoluene, ~~polyvinyl stearate~~, ~~polyvinylpyrrolidone~~, ~~poly (4-vinylpyridine)~~, poly (4-vinylphenol), poly (1-vinylnaphthalene), poly (2-vinylnaphthalene), ~~poly (vinyl methyl ketone)~~, ~~poly (vinylidene fluoride)~~, poly (vinylbenzyl chloride), ~~polyvinyl alcohol~~, ~~poly (vinyl acetate)~~, poly (4-vinylbiphenyl), poly (9-vinylcarbazole), ~~poly (2-vinylpyridine)~~, ~~poly (4-vinylpyridine)~~, ~~polybutadiene~~, ~~polybutene~~, ~~poly (butyl acrylate)~~, ~~poly (1, 4-butylene adipate)~~, poly (1, 4-butylene terephthalate), poly (ethylene terephthalate), ~~poly (ethylene succinate)~~, ~~poly (butyl methacrylate)~~, ~~poly (ethylene oxide)~~, ~~polychloroprene~~, ~~polyethylene~~, ~~polytetrafluoroethylene~~, ~~polyvinylchloride~~, ~~polypropylene~~, ~~polydimethylsiloxane~~, ~~polyacrylonitrile~~, ~~polyaniline~~, ~~polysulfone~~, ~~polyethylene glycol~~, ~~polypropylene glycol~~, ~~polyacrylic acid~~, ~~polyallylamine~~, poly (benzyl methacrylate), ~~derivatized polyolefins such as~~ ~~polyethylenimine~~, ~~poly (ethyl methacrylate)~~, ~~polyisobutylene~~, ~~poly (isobutyl methacrylate)~~, ~~polyisoprene~~, ~~poly (DL-lactide)~~, ~~poly (methyl methacrylate)~~, ~~polypyrrole~~, ~~poly (carbonate)~~

~~urethane), poly [di (ethylene glycol) adipate], polyepichlorohydrin, phenolic resins (novolacs and resoles), poly (ethyl acrylate), and combinations thereof; and wherein the polymer is a graft polymer or a co-polymer.~~

29. **(Withdrawn and Currently Amended):** The composition of claim [[53]] 3, wherein said polymer is selected from the group consisting of silanes and siloxanes.

30. **(Withdrawn):** The composition of claim 29, wherein said siloxane is derived from an alkoxysilane or trihalosilane.

31. **(Withdrawn and Currently Amended):** The composition of claim [[53]] 3, wherein said polymer is a biodegradable polymer.

32. **(Cancelled):**

33. **(Withdrawn):** The composition of claim 5, wherein Polymer¹ and Polymer² are independently selected from the group consisting of polybutylene terephthalate, polytrimethylene terephthalate, and polycyclohexylenedimethylene terephthalate.

34. **(Withdrawn):** The composition of claim 5, wherein one or both of Polymer¹ and Polymer² is an aramide.

35. **(Withdrawn):** The composition of claim 34, wherein said aramide is selected from the group consisting of poly (p-phenylene terephthalamide) and poly (m-phenylene isophthalamide).

36. **(Withdrawn):** The composition of claim 5, wherein Polymer¹ and Polymer² are polyethylene terephthalate.

37. **(Currently Amended):** A system for localized release of nitric oxide to a target site, the system comprising :

a benzyl phenyl-containing polymer;

a carbon-bound diazeniumdiolate nitric oxide donor moiety that is not an imidate or thioimide; wherein

the nitric oxide donor moiety is linked to the polymer to produce a carbon-bound diazeniumdiolate moiety;

whereby decomposition of the carbon-bound diazeniumdiolate moiety to produce nitric oxide occurs under physiological conditions and does not produce a nitrosamine from the donor molecule.

38-48. **(Cancelled):**

49. **(Currently Amended):** A medical device coating comprising the composition of claim [[53]] 3.

50. **(Withdrawn):** A medical device coating comprising a nitric oxide-releasing polymer, wherein said nitric oxide-releasing polymer is the composition of claim 29.

51. **(Original):** The medical device coating of claim 49, wherein said medical device is selected from the group consisting of vascular stents, vascular grafts, catheters, wound dressings, bandages, blood collection bags, blood component storage bags, extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO) circuits, internal monitoring devices, external monitoring devices, and a device that comes in contact with mammalian tissue *in vivo*, *in vitro*, or *ex vivo*.

52. **(Withdrawn and Currently Amended):** A medical device, wherein all or part of the device comprises the composition of claim [[53]] 3.

53-54. **(Cancelled):** .